LAKE OF THE OZARKS STATE PARK

HISTORY OF THE PARK

This Park consists of 16,405 acres of rugged Ozark Woodland with 89 miles of shoreline and 4,000 acres of surface water on the Lake of the Ozarks. It includes virtually all of the Grand Glaize Creek basin flooded by the power dam at Bagnall which crosses the Osage River.

The park was originally developed by the National Park Service in the 1930's as a demonstration in better-land use, with particular interest on good conservation practices and the need for extensive recreational areas within the reach of a high percentage of the population. The National Park Service derived its funds from the Emergency Relief Administration and its workers from the Civilian Conservation Corps for the parks' acquisition, development, and operation.

The Missouri State Park Board has continued with its operation and development after taking the park over in 1948.

CAMPING

Modern restrooms with showers and coin-operated automatic laundry equipment are available in the campground where both tent and trailer camping are permitted. A trailer dumping station is also located in the park. A Mobil-grocery stops periodically in the campground, and the sale of firewood is available near the check stand.

BOATING AND FISHING

Fishing boats and motors may be rented at both Public Beach No. 1 and No. 2, where boat docks and boat launching ramps are provided.

SWIMMING

Swimming is permitted only at the two Public Beaches where the concession provides lifeguards on the enclosed sandy beaches.

PICNICKING

Picnic areas are provided at both Public Beaches. An open shelter is available at Public Beach No. 1.

HORSEBACK RIDING

Trail rides are available to park visitors at the Ozark Homestead which is located near Public Beach No.1. Havrides are arranged each week.

NATURALIST PROGRAM

A seasonal naturalist will be on duty during June, July, and August to guide park visitors on nature hikes, give nature talks, and direct evening programs, which include lectures and movies on nature and Missouri. The evening programs will be held at the enclosed shelter. Please consult bulletin boards for further details on this enjoyable and enlightening program.

GROUP CAMPS

Six organized group camps are located in the park. These camps are leased only to non-profit youth orientated organizations which provide recreational and educational programs. The camps are: Rising Sun, Red Bud, Clover Point, Pa He Tsi, Hawthorn, and Pin Oak. The camps range in capacity from 40 to 200 and each include a kitchen and dining lodge, sleeping cabins or barracks, restrooms and shower buildings, play field, play court, and swimming facilities. Some of the camps also include recreation buildings, outdoor kitchens, amphitheaters and archery ranges.

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